

# Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Dementia & Brain Health Research

## San Francisco VA / UCSF MIRECC Fellowship



Dr. Kristine Yaffe and the Center for Population Brain Health are recruiting for a two-year Post-Doctoral Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Health Research and Treatment with a focus on dementia, cognitive health, and geriatric neuropsychiatry. This fellowship is associated with the Sierra Pacific Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center at the San Francisco VA Health Care System (MIRECC; VISN 21) and affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

The primary goal of the fellowship is to train MDs in psychiatry, neurology, geriatrics or related fields; psychologists/neuropsychologists; or other allied health professionals to become leading clinical researchers in the areas of Alzheimer's disease, dementia, cognitive aging, brain health, and geriatric neuropsychiatry. Over the course of the 2-year program, fellows are trained in clinical research and clinical care service delivery devoting 75% time to research and educational activities including didactics and career development seminars and 25% to clinical training. Fellows will be responsible for driving innovative research projects while also gaining clinical and translational research experience/skills and training to become an independent investigator.

The candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with SFVA/UCSF investigators and participate in didactic sessions. Under the mentorship of Dr. Kristine Yaffe, the scholar will design and execute dementia and cognitive aging research studies, write manuscripts for peer reviewed publications, develop presentations for conferences and meetings, and contribute to grant development. Potential projects may be focused on racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in dementia; social determinants of brain health; and relationships with risk factors of cognitive aging including traumatic brain injury, PTSD, depression, cardiovascular risk factors, and sleep. Ideal applicants would have particular interest in expanding expertise in population-based brain health.

Faculty mentors are affiliated with the SFVA Research and Mental Health services, the UCSF Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Neurology, and Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the SFVA/UCSF Center for Population Brain Health (CPBH), and the Global Brain Health Institute. We are a multidisciplinary group of clinical researchers, dedicated to the advancement of brain health across the lifespan. We emphasize population-based research to identify risk and protective factors for dementia, cognitive aging, and brain health, and to optimize cognitive and emotional brain health in aging. The expertise of our faculty spans the fields of epidemiology, neurology, and psychiatry. The fellowship is funded by the Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

### Faculty:

- **Kristine Yaffe, MD**, Fellowship Director, board-certified psychiatrist and neurologist (<https://yaffe.ucsf.edu/>)

- **Yue Leng, PhD**, sleep epidemiologist
- **Shea Andrews, PhD**, genetic epidemiologist
- **Dugyu Tosun, PhD**, engineer and neuroimaging scientist
- **Jennifer Yokoyama, PhD**, behavioral geneticist
- **John Boscardin, PhD**, biostatistician
- **Joel Kramer, PhD**, neuropsychologist
- **Meredith Bock, MD**, neurologist and movement disorders scientist

To apply, please email the following to Tina Hoang (research manager) [tina.hoang@va.gov](mailto:tina.hoang@va.gov)

1. Letter of interest detailing your research experience, interests, career goals, and proposed faculty mentor(s) from list above
2. CV
3. 3 letters of recommendation

The application deadline is **November 15, 2023**. Applications submitted after that date may be considered until the position is filled.